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SUBJECT:NOON PRESS BRIEFING--OWENS-ILLINOIS

FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE AT TODAY'S NOON PRESS  
BRIEFING (THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1976):

Q: IS THERE ANYTHING NEW ON THE SITUATION IN VENEZUELA RE  
OWENS-ILLINOIS? HAS THE GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATED WITH THE  
VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT?

A: HAS THIS GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATED WITH THE VENEZUELAN  
GOVERNMENT?

Q: YES.

A: I UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA HAS BEEN  
IN TOUCH WITH THE COMPANY, THAT IS, OWENS-ILLINOIS.

I MIGHT SAY ON THIS THAT OUR FIRST CONCERN, AND I THINK  
THE FIRST CONCERN IN THIS MATTER OF THE KIDNAPPING IN  
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VENEZUELA, IS THE TERRORISM AND KIDNAPPING THAT WAS

INVOLVED, AND WE FULLY SHARE THE CONCERN OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT OVER THE TERRORISM-KIDNAPPING PROBLEM, AND ITS EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH IT.

AND AT THE SAME TIME, OF COURSE, AS WE STATED YESTERDAY, WE ARE CONCERNED OVER THE USE OF EXPROPRIATION AS A CRIMINAL SANCTION FOR ENFORCING GOVERNMENT POLICY, AND WE HAVE CONVEYED THIS CONCERN TO THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT-- WHICH MAY, AT LEAST IN PART, ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.

Q: HAS NIEHOUS BEEN RELEASED YET?

A: NO, NIEHOUS IS NOT RELEASED. SISCO

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